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Subject: Please add this to the WAR. Thanks.

REGION 8 ENTERS INTO SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT FOR PERFORMANCE OF THE RI/FA AT THE COLUMBIA FALLS ALUMINUM PLANT SITE IN FLATHEAD COUNTY, MONTANA

On November 30, 2015, Region 8 entered into a settlement agreement/administrative order on consent with Columbia Falls Aluminum Company for performance of the RI/FS at the Columbia Falls Aluminum Plant, also known as the Anaconda Company Columbia Falls Reduction Plant site, in Flathead County, Montana. The site, located two miles northeast of Columbia Falls, covers approximately 960 acres north of the Flathead River, a fishery that includes the federally designated threatened bull trout and the federally sensitive westslope cutthroat trout. EPA's initial evaluation indicates that ground water and surface water at the site contain various contaminants of concern, including cyanide, fluoride, and various metals. The Columbia Falls Aluminum plant operated between 1955 and 2009 and created significant quantities of spent potliner material, a federally listed hazardous waste, as a byproduct of the aluminum smelting process. Spent potliner material is known to contain cyanide compounds that can leach into groundwater. The site was proposed for listing on the NPL in March 2015. Contact: Mark Chalfant 303 312-6177.

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